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*Sending in early as today is my 8-hour day which ends at 3:30pm. Out on CDO on Friday.*

### **Congressional and Intergovernmental:**

**Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23):** Brent Maier coordinated and participated in a call today along with Water Division's Mike Montgomery and David Albright with Legislative Director Kyle Lombardi to provide a status update on pending aquifer exemption packages in California. OPA's Kelly Zito also joined this discussion. (WTR)

**Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA):** Brent Maier received a request from John Murray in the Senator's San Francisco office for a call today to discuss the recent finding by CDPH of some radiological contamination at Parcel A at the Hunters Point Superfund Site. Brent coordinated a call at 2:00pm, that also included June Williams from Senator Harris' San Francisco Office who was also extended an invite, with Superfund's Lily Lee, John Chesnutt, Angeles Herrera, and John Lyons as well as Chief of Staff Amy Miller Senior Policy Advisor Chris Hage, Office of Regional Counsel's Brianna Fairbanks, and OPA's Soledad Calvino, and Michelle Huitric.

**Congressional Outreach on Copper Bluff Fact Sheet:** Brent Maier shared a PDF copy of a September 2018 fact sheet with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Congressman Jared Huffman entitled, "Copper Bluff Mine Site Proposed to the National Priorities List (NPL)". The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting public comments until November 13, 2018 on its proposal to add the Copper Bluff Mine site to the NPL. The site is located within the Hoopa Valley Tribal Reservation, adjacent to California State Highway 96 in Hoopa, California.

**FY2019 Budget Update: Legislators Reach Government Funding Agreement Through December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Appropriators have cut a deal to keep all of the government funded through at least Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. House Appropriations Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen announced at a meeting of House and Senate conferees on the combined spending bill for Defense, and Labor-Health and Human Services-Education, that the conference report will include a continuing resolution through that date, for departments and agencies not otherwise funded. That means at least five full spending bills will be signed into law by President Donald Trump ahead of October 1, with the first bundle of three bills set to clear the House with adoption of a conference report Thursday afternoon. – *Roll Call.com*

**Wednesday – Friday, September 12 – 14, 2018 - Global Climate Action Summit** - The California state government's "Global Climate Action Summit" is set for September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco, CA. The event will "bring leaders and people together from around the world to 'Take Ambition to the Next Level,'" according to the summit's website, and it represents a late push in Gov. Jerry Brown's (D) aggressive climate agenda. <https://www.globalclimateactions summit.org/>

**Tomorrow - Thursday, September 13, 2018 – Subcommittee on Oversight (Committee on Science, Space, and Technology) & Subcommittee on Environment (Committee on Science, Space, and Technology):** Joint Hearing: Examining the Underlying Science And Impacts of Glider Truck Regulations. 10:00am ET. 2318 RHOB. Witnesses: Dr. Richard B. Belzer, Independent Consultant in Regulation, Risk, Economics & Information Quality; and Mr. Todd Spencer, President, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association.  
<https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=108674>

### **Upcoming Congressional Meetings/Calls, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

**Wednesday, September 26, 2018 - Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management:** Will hold a hearing entitled "The Federal Role in the Toxic PFAS Chemical Crisis." 10:00am ET. More Information:  
<https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/the-federal-role-in-the-toxic-pfas-chemical-crisis>

**Monday, October 1, 2018 – San Francisco Board of Supervisor Hearing:** The Board of Supervisors are expected to hold a hearing for a status update on the ongoing cleanup of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Superfund's Lily Lee is tracking this hearing.

**Monday, October 1, 2018 – EPA HQ Meeting: San Diego Port Commissioners** – On Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, EPA headquarters Office of Water, Office of International and Tribal Affairs, OCIR, and Region IX (by telephone) will meet with a delegation of Port Commissioners, including Chair Rafael Castellanos, to discuss the US/Mexico Border Sewage Programs. The officials look forward to discussing how partnerships with EPA to address the water infrastructure needs might continue most effectively. The meeting will provide an opportunity for dialogue on potential sources of funding to assist in addressing the border challenges posed by significant transboundary sewage overflows into border communities. In addition to the IBWC and NADBank, WIFIA, EPA’s Border 2020, and the Clean and Drinking Water SRFs will be discussed. The Commissioners will provide updates on the extensive work and partnerships they continue to support. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018 – EPA HQ Meeting with San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce:** On Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, EPA headquarters and regional staff will meet with representatives of the Chamber to discuss an array of priority issues. The Chamber is committed to achieving greenhouse gas reductions mandates at local and state levels, promoting cost-effective energy efficiency and water conservation measures, and promoting green jobs in the San Diego region. There are also concerns with the wastewater and sewage flows from the watershed the City of San Diego shares with Tijuana. The flows fail to be sent to treatment plants and risk crossing the border into southern San Diego County. The Chamber continues its work with both the US and Mexican governments to design a binational work plan to increase measurable efforts in mitigating pollution and minimizing water deficits to the U.S. Chamber representatives look forward to dialogue with Office of Water, OITA, OAR, and Region IX staff (by telephone) who will join OCIR for the meeting. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon